**Stonehenge**



Stonehenge is one of the most **ancient** monuments in the world. Stonehenge was built sometime around 2500 BC and it is a true **symbol** of the **prehistoric** times.

Stonehenge is a circle of large standing stones. However, at first the ancient **site** was just a round **ditch**. Inside the circle were two holes. Around the holes were ashes. Some **experts** believe the ashes are from fires.

There is no real **evidence** of what Stonehenge was used for or why it was built but some **archeologist** say it was a place where **ceremonies** were carried out. Others say it was where people were **sacrificed**. However, others say it was a place used for **astronomy** in the 18th century. Some experts think that Stonehenge was used like a **calendar** that helped to tell the seasons.

It is believed that *Druids, Greeks,* or *Atlanteans* might have built the Stonehenge.



Thousands of people worked hard to build the ancient monument. The builders **hauled** in the stones over water on **rafts** across land along wooden tracks like a train. The builders then pushed the stones into **pits** they had **dug** and pulled them up with ropes. To keep the stones standing up straight, the builders packed stones around the base of the each **slab** to help keep it up.

Stonehenge can be found on the Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire, England which is about 137 kilometres Southwest from London.

